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BDE PROCEDURE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Changes in Section 4(f) Applicability for
Actions Involving U.S. Coast Guard Permits

DATE: March 19, 2003

This memorandum supplements the information in Section 26-2.04 of the BDE Manual. The information in this memorandum will be incorporated in the Manual in a future update.

Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 USC 303), applies to agencies of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). Until recently, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) was a part of USDOT and, therefore, had responsibilities for administering Section 4(f) requirements, as applicable, on projects under its jurisdiction (e.g., actions requiring Section 9 permits for construction of bridges or causeways across navigable waters). The USCG has now been made a part of the Department of Homeland Security and, effective with this transfer, no longer has Section 4(f) responsibilities.

The USCG has advised that it will continue to evaluate Section 9 permit applications received prior to March 1, 2003 under Section 4(f) procedures that were in place when the applications were received. For any permit applications received after March 1, 2003, USCG will have no Section 4(f) responsibilities.

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